

Your MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

By Patricia Lee



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Does a happy marriage mean that all the interests of husband and wife must be in common? Or, rather, shouldn't it mean that each should have tolerance and sympathy for the other's interests, without necessarily taking them for his or her own? Helen Jackson and her husband quarrel because each wants the other to fall in line for pleasure bent. Helen likes bridge and Jack likes golf, but Jack hates bridge and Helen can't understand golf. What will they do?

Says the WOMAN

Dear Patricia Lee:—

You write so much about husbands and wives being congenial that I'd like to ask you what they do when one has interests the other hasn't. For instance, I'd rather play bridge than anything else, and my husband is a golf enthusiast but he won't play bridge and I hate golf. The result is that every moment after he gets through work he gives to golf until he can't see the bait, and then in the evening he doesn't want to go to bridge parties. On Sundays he's out again and leaves me alone.

HELEN JACKSON.
You've got me wrong, Helen. I hope I never wrote that husbands and wives must do everything together, enjoy all the same things. But in your case, it seems to me, if you'd give golf a fair chance you might like it—perhaps more than bridge—but anyhow you might in such a way get your husband to reciprocate with an occasional bridge game. Why should he play bridge if he hates the game? I can understand that easily.

When Frank D. married the girl who is now his wife he didn't realize that choice included her brother's company as well. Poor Frank, now he finds himself burdened with his wife's brother, who wastes time in his business and accepts a salary for it. Should he discharge him?

Says the MAN

Dear Patricia Lee:—

I have a garage and need all the money I can earn. I am married two years, and my wife insisted on my taking her brother to work for me. He wastes all his time, and I can't afford it. Should I discharge him? I told my wife he was wasting time, but she says to give him a chance. Should I?

FRANK D.

Your wife is unfair to you, and she's being unfair to her brother, also, in giving him such an opportunity to idle away his time. Talk to her today, and to her brother. Tell them you will give the young fellow two weeks in which to make good, and if in that time he shows no improvement, you will have to let him go. Taking relatives as one's employees is usually a poor investment, as you are finding out, and your wife should acknowledge the justice of your attitude.

Patricia Lee broadcasts a talk on "Marriage Problems" every Wednesday afternoon at 3.20 o'clock from Station WGBS. Tune in on her and have your questions answered.

WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY?

All letters to the Editor must bear names and addresses or will not be published.

ASKS SHOOTING PROBE

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

Why don't the police or district attorney investigate the shooting of Patrolman Monahan at 22 George Street, Brooklyn, and the murder in Forest Park, Glendale, L. I., in 1920? Most likely war slackers, bootleggers and murderers were the participants.

S. SCHULTZ.
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PLEA FOR COURTESY

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

Perhaps we could get along a little better in this cruel world if we would show a little more courtesy to people in our environment and attend more to the duties assigned to us.

E. A. ALBA, JR.
142 Sands St., Brooklyn.

DESERVE NO PROTECTION

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

I personally do not believe in rewarding the voter. If he does not think enough of his country to express his opinion on its management once a year, then he does not deserve the protection that our country holds out to all citizens. He should be disfranchised automatically on his first offense, un-

less he has good and sufficient reason for his negligence. I am sure the loss of their citizenship rights would open the eyes of the hard-boiled vote slackers and clear their minds as to the real meaning of American citizenship.

IKE STANTON.

40 Dutchkills St., Long Island City.

BETTER PAY, BETTER MEN

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

Under existing conditions elected officeholders serve from one to four years. Assemblymen, in particular, are scarcely afforded an opportunity to be of genuine service to their constituency before their respective terms of office expire. Consequently, during the first year of their incumbency these legislators are serving a sort of probationary period, as they are mere novices at lawmaking. For that reason all duly elected officials should serve for a period of at least three, or possibly five, consecutive years. Incidentally, why not give assemblymen a decent salary? The \$1,500 per annum is enough to tempt any legislator to stoop to graft. A better salary might attract a higher class of men.

M. JAY CHANIN.
11 West 117th St.

The Better Side of Life

To be an important figure in the news one must be a robber, a murderer or be conspicuous in a scandal of some sort. It is our belief that this habit of giving so much importance to crime in our newspapers is to be deplored. We intend to devote this department to news of a different sort. We want true stories of heroism, extreme cases of loyalty and sacrifice. We want to give the better side of life its proper significance. Some day newspapers may give crime but little attention and liberally emphasize good deeds. The object of this department is to encourage a change of this sort.

HELPED A GRANDMOTHER

A few days ago in the railroad station as I was waiting to make a train an elderly lady confronted me, crying bitterly. I asked her what was wrong and she informed me that she was on her way to visit a sick grandchild, had lost her ticket and did not have enough with her to buy another. The train was due in a few minutes. I looked in my purse and found I had just barely enough for my ticket and to make up what she needed for hers. I stood in line, got her ticket and with only a minute to spare put her on the train. Then I dashed for mine and made it just as the gates were closing and no money to get food for a half day train trip, as I counted on getting breakfast on the train. Several weeks later I received a letter from her saying that her little grandchild was out of danger and returning the money to me.

D. EISEN.
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The Smartest Thing My Dog Ever Did

TONY IS A FIREMAN

The smartest thing my dog, Tony, does is to stamp out the lighted cigarette ends my father and brother throw to him for that purpose. He will not leave them until he has torn them to pieces and every spark is dead. If he sees a cinder drop out of the stove he stands growling until it goes out.

MARGARET E. CONNELL.
106 Canal St., Stapleton, S. I.

Why I Blushed

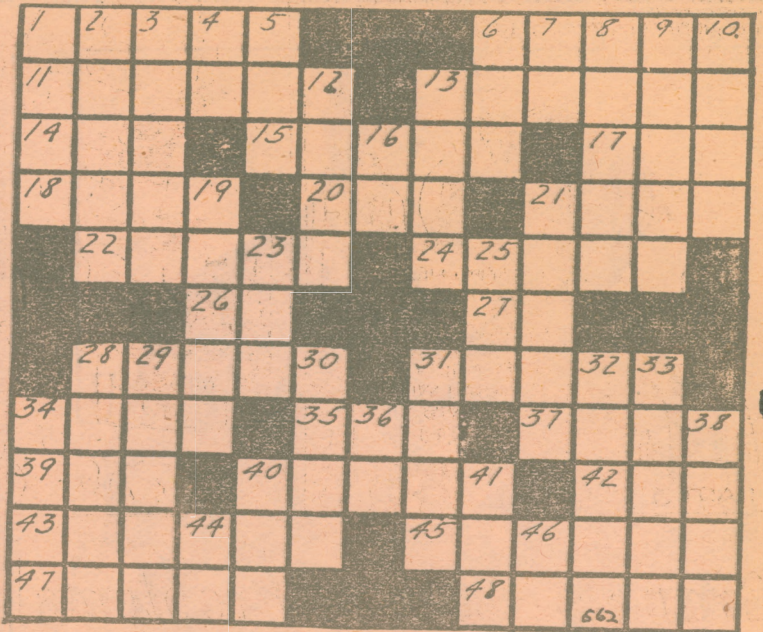
I became very much absorbed in an extremely interesting news item, and continued to read my newspaper after I had left the subway train. On reaching the turnstile on the way to the street I stopped, instinctively fumbled in my pockets, finally located a nickel, placed it in the slot and walked through. It was not until I had reached the street entrance that the smiles of several people around me made me aware of my blunder.

HARRY MAGGIOLO.
15 East 31st St., Brooklyn.

This letter won the prize of \$1. Send your contribution to "Why I Blushed" Editor, care of The GRAPHIC, 25 City Hall Place, New York city.

TODAY'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

CREATED BY J. W. WHITE



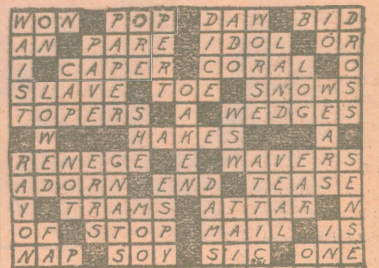
ACROSS

- 1—A heavenly body.
- 6—More dreadful.
- 11—Scents.
- 13—Designate.
- 14—A Rumanian coin.
- 15—Heathen.
- 17—Feminine proper name.
- 18—Lasting, as colors.
- 20—Secured.
- 21—An asterisk.
- 22—Transactions.
- 24—A constellation.
- 26—Thus.
- 27—Chemical suffix denoting alcohol.
- 28—Surgical device for producing irritation.
- 31—Utmost.
- 34—Own.
- 35—The Gaelic form of John.
- 37—An Asiatic nation.
- 39—A Greek letter.
- 40—Garret.
- 42—Cease to be.
- 43—Jockeys.
- 45—Natural aptitude.
- 47—Concerning.
- 48—Bad in a greater degree.

DOWN

- 1—Part of the leg.
- 2—Woodland nymph.
- 3—A murine animal.
- 4—Measure of type.
- 5—Faucet.
- 6—Lair.
- 7—Info.
- 8—Way.
- 9—Boiling pots.
- 10—To bring to maturity.
- 12—Droops.
- 13—Facts.
- 16—To pass from one spot to another.
- 19—Appreciation of the fitness of things.
- 21—Percolates.
- 23—A game at cards.
- 25—A disease of sheep.
- 28—Silken fabric.
- 29—Avoid.
- 30—Immature insects.
- 31—One.
- 32—A duck.
- 33—Periods of moisture precipitation.
- 34—The wife of Zeus.
- 36—By.
- 38—Apportion.
- 40—Craft.
- 41—The macaw.
- 44—A type measure.
- 46—Behold!

Solution to Yesterday's Cross-Word Puzzle



My Best Poker Game

TO THE LADIES!

While recuperating in a base hospital in France, after having been gassed, a five-handed game of draw poker was played across my bed. The cards were dealt out and good fortune gave me four queens and a ten. Two of the boys were holding pat hands and two other boys drew one card apiece. Things looked interesting. The pot got three heavy boosts before three of the players dropped out. Having bet all the good old francs I possessed, I was forced to a showdown. To my surprise my opponent held four jacks, with an ace, but my four queens brought me all the money.

WILLIAM FELTNER.
173 Reid Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

CUTEST THING BABY EVER SAID

While carving a chicken one Sunday mother remarked that the chicken had very little breast. "Well, it must have had a boyish figure," spoke up my little niece, 5 years old.

WILMA BALL.
36 Park Ave., Port Chester, N. Y.

OUR EAST SIDE GANG—

Accidentally on Purpose

By Louis G. Ferstadt

